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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE FACIM TRADE FAIR

REF: (A) USICA 4629 (NOTAL); (B) MAPUTO 576 (NOTAL)

1. WITH MORE DETAILS OF EXHIBIT KNOWN FROM REFTTEL, EMBASSY RE-EXAMINED AVAILABLE PAVILIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED BUILDING (ON SITE 25 OF BOOKLET MAP) WOULD BEST SUIT NEEDS. PLANS FOR CENTERPIECE EXHIBIT SOUND EXCELLENT. LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES WAS THAT FILMS ATTRACT LARGE INTERESTED CROWDS. LARGE PAVILION WITH THREE ENTRANCES WILL PERMIT BETTER TRAFFIC FLOW AND KEEP FILM-WATCHERS FROM OVERWHELMING OTHER DISPLAYS.

2. TOTAL COST OF THIS 425-SQ.-METER AREA IS DOLS 14,875. ESTIMATED ONE-THIRD WILL BE SUBLET TO AMERICAN FIRMS FOR THEIR OWN EXHIBITS. EMBASSY COST WOULD BE DOLS 10,000. SINCE THIS IS MAPUTO'S FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH FAIR EXHIBIT, EMBASSY UNCERTAIN WHETHER TRANSPORTATION, CONSTRUCTION, STAFFING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR EXHIBIT WILL PRECLUDE SPENDING THIS MUCH ON SPACE RENTAL. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ICA'S BALLPARK ESTIMATE OF NON-SPACE-RENTAL

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COSTS WHICH THE EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO FINANCE FROM THE DOLS 20 THOUSAND OR OTHER ALLOCATED FIGURE.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE REAR SCREEN PROJECTOR, NOR IS ONE AVAILABLE LOCALLY THAT WE KNOW OF. POST WONDERS WHETHER WE COULD BORROW THREE REAR-SCREEN PROJECTORS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN POSTS FOR PERIOD OF FAIR? CARPENTER AND ELECTRICIAN AND POWER TOOLS PRESENT NO

PROBLEM LOCALLY. WILL SEND INFORMATION ON CINDER BLOCKS, LUMBER AND AIR FREIGHT DIMENSIONS ASAP.

4. PARA 8 OF REFTTEL REFERS TO "ABSTRACTA." EMBASSY NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS TERM. PLEASE DESCRIBE.

5. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CALLED AFTER DISPATCH OF REF B WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ON SHIPMENT OF WINGED BEAN SEEDS. MOZAMBIQUE LAW REQUIRES PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE WITH DECLARATION OF INSPECTION OF PARENT PLANTS FOR CORYNABACTERIUM FLACCUMFACIUM, COWLETTOTRECHUM DEMATIUM (FORMA TRULCATA) AND BEAN WESTERN MOSAIC VIRUS. IMPORTER MUST ALSO EXPLAIN TREATMENT WITH FUNGICIDE, OR FUMIGATION.

6. USICA 5368 ADVISED THAT POST WOULD RECEIVE 16 MM FILM "AFRICAN JOURNEY" IN PORTUGUESE. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SHOW THIS FILM IN OUR PAVILLION DURING FACIM. PLEASE ASCERTAIN IF A CONTINUOUS LOOP FILM COULD BE MADE FOR OUR USE, AND ORDER IF AVAILABLE.

7. AS BOTH GABORONE AND MAPUTO MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO ASK FOR SOME SUPPORT FROM ICA POSTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, SUGGEST THAT PRETORIA AND JOHANNESBURG BE INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEES ON FUTURE CABLES CONCERNING THE ABUNDANT EARTH EXHIBIT.
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